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Application of: Chen *et al.*

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 30, 2003 ("Office Action"),  
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the  
following remarks intended to place the present application into form for allowance.

No fee is believed to be due. In the event any additional fee is required, please charge  
the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.